

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. Phoumi yesterday blocked the French Ambassador's visit to Souvanna; the British Ambassador will probably be able to go today.

b. The Soviet Embassy in Vientiane claims that a Soviet transport enroute from Xieng Khouang to Hanoi was shot up today by an "unidentified jet." We have no further information on this incident.

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2. Guatemalan rebellion still smoldering

We have a number of indications that government troops are still engaged [redacted] as well as unconfirmed reports that the rebels are in fact gaining. [redacted] the rebel group, while not Communist itself, had the encouragement and support of the Guatemalan Communists, who hoped to profit from the confusion caused.

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4. Czech Communist
Party upheaval

One Rudolf Barak, until recently regarded as Party Chief Novotny's heir apparent, has been expelled from the party and will probably be made the scapegoat for Czech Stalinism.

His downfall raises the possibility that the Czech party is about to go through the wringer, as the Polish and Hungarian parties did after the Twentieth Soviet Party Congress.

NOTES

- A. No further developments in the Berlin air corridor situation have been reported.
- B. Opposition to Ayub's arrest of Suhrawardy has now spread to West Pakistan; it begins to look as though Ayub has made a bad mistake.
- C. Soviet-Iranian diplomatic fencing continues. Ambassador Holmes notes that the latest Soviet proposal for an agreement, while unacceptable, is "substantially more forthcoming."
- D. The French trade unions and student groups have called for major strikes and demonstrations Monday in protest over OAS terrorism and government handling of the riots two days ago.
- E. Uruguay has postponed a decision on breaking with Cuba at least until next Thursday. There were some Castroite riots in Buenos Aires yesterday.

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LATE NOTE

- G. We have now learned that a Soviet transport in Laos did report on Thursday that it had "repulsed fighter aircraft at airfield."

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